

## **Learning Objectives**

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Define the USAID/DCHA/OFDA mandate, authority, and structure.
2. List OFDA's disaster response options.
3. Describe the role, structure, and authority of USAID overseas missions.
4. Describe the roles and relationships of the major US agencies, other donors, international organizations, and private voluntary groups involved in international disaster assistance.
5. Describe the international humanitarian assistance network.
6. Describe the working relationships of a DART with various agencies, organizations, the affected country and other donor countries that DART members may encounter during an assignment.
7. Use awareness of cultural differences and describe the overseas office environment.
8. Describe the function and purpose of the Washington Response Management Team and the working relationship with the DART.
9. Describe the organizational structure of a DART.
10. List and describe the six DART and RMT functional areas.
11. Describe the work products developed by a DART.
12. Use the FOG to identify checklist items for individual needs, team support needs and general issues for all DART members.
13. Describe the decision-making process for determining the exit criteria and strategy for a DART.
14. List and describe safety and security precautions while in the field.
15. List potential health hazards associated with an assignment and how to prepare for an assignment, from a health standpoint.
16. Explain the essential elements of assessment of concern to OFDA.
17. Identify and use some basic "rules of thumb" regarding international crisis assessment work in nutrition, water/sanitation, and health.
18. Identify the means of assessing moderate and severe malnutrition, three major nutritional interventions, and the basic nutritional needs addressed by most emergency feeding programs.
19. List minimum information needs in water and sanitation assessments and likely reliable sources of data.
20. Identify key health problems among disaster- affected populations.